

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING

Office of Services to the Aging
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Floor; Lansing, MI
February 20, 2015 @10:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Harold Mast called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Harold Mast, Matthew Adeyanju, Michael Burri, Douglas Chalgian, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Donna Murray-Brown, Richard Ortega, Patricia Rencher, Jeffery Schade, Michael Sheehan, and Kristi Zamora, with Renee Reid-Smith joining by phone.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Sybil Ellis and Donald Newport.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Leslie Shanlian, Wendi Middleton, Sarah Slocum, Scott Wamsley, Eric Berke, Emma Buycks, Amy Colletti, Carol Dye, Dawn Jacobs, Becky Payne, Sally Steiner, Lauren Swanson-Aprill and Dawne Velianoff.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Reg Carter, Chair, Long Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission, Dona Wishart, OCCA, Ann Langford, AAA 1-B, Kaye Scholle, LTCO – AWBS, John Murphy, SAC Member and Dennis Sergeant.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to approve the November 21, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Sheehan requested corrections to the minutes, and a motion was made by him Irby to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commission Chair Report

Commissioner Mast & the Commission congratulated Eric Berke in his 40th year with OSA.

Commissioner Mast introduced Ann Langford, who attended on behalf of AAA 1-B, and honored Mr. Berke with a plaque to commemorate his 40 years.

Commissioner Mast reviewed the Commission Bylaws and Purpose, highlighting the need to be effective and visible advocates for aging persons.

Commissioner Murray-Brown asked to create an advocacy framework to try and pull in high priority issues as they arise so the Commission has guidance on what's on the forefront and important to address, listing three to five things so success can be measured on the new efforts.

Commissioner Irby requested written bullet points to make a connection between the Commission and staff on items being advocated for.

Commissioner Burri requested advanced notification of pertinent meetings to attend.

Director Sederburg stated OSA can develop an advocacy platform to help identify where those opportunities are, including what legislators and committees are critically important to address, and she offered to alert the commissioners of those meetings.

Commissioner Chalgian suggested a portion of the agenda be dedicated to advocacy issues, noting there are many advocacy organizations that could present, educate and explain what the issues are, and to give them voice if there is agreement as to what the objectives are, and who could in turn take that to the Legislature with more unity. He stated there are a lot of good people doing a lot of good things for seniors that the Commission may not be as aware as they could be.

Commissioner Rencher stated she'd like to know more about integrated care and dual eligibles for Medicare and Medicaid, and the demonstration projects going on. She also asked to address oral health and where the State is on that.

Commissioner Ilardo stated Elisa Ghezzi oversees the coalition on oral health for the aging, and she would be able to give an update.

Commissioner Mast asked about admission versus observation status.

Commissioner Mast asked to add Advocacy to future agendas for presenters, discussion and education.

Commissioner Sheehan asked to add Transportation as a topic for discussion, but something like this would require funding and extra advocacy.

Commissioner Irby asked to add the topic of Veterans to the list of advocacy issues.

Director Sederburg stated that topic will come to the April joint meeting, as the State Advisory Council created a workgroup to address Veteran's issues.

Commissioner Reid-Smith stated she will continue advocating strongly for home and community-based services, as that workforce has no consistency, training, or any good discharge planning for so many leaving hospitals.

Commissioner Rencher stated AARP has a national coalition to get the CARE Act related to hospital discharge pushed, and she'd like to see that added to the agenda.

Commissioner Chalgian stated many of the issues revolve around long-term care supports and services, housing options, Medicaid and PACE, but that should be part of a larger discussion. In how to care for people in end stages of life, there are financial, quality of life and medical components for impaired and vulnerable adults being provided for, what barriers are there, etc., and with the current health care system, why or why isn't our state providing the best options possible, as well as for the caregiver caring for a spouse or parent.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 1)

Commissioner Irby made a motion for the Commission to send a letter to the Governor asking where they are on the recommendations the Commission sent on Assisted Living.

Commissioner Ilardo seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved with a voice vote.

Commissioner Mast asked Commissioner Irby to give an update on the Gatekeeper workgroup.

Commissioner Irby stated he's been asked to present to public utility companies in the UP, and more information will be forthcoming once the group has reconvened.

Commissioner Mast stated once a few advocacy issues are decided upon for next month, he'll form subgroups to research them, and he asked everyone to think about which they'd like to volunteer to serve on.

OSA Director Report

Director Sederburg stated the Governor's budget message came out and aging programs and services did not see any reductions. There was an expansion in PACE programs, but the Ombudsman Program will no longer receive funding from the Federal Civil Monetary Penalty funds, so the Governor recommended filling that gap with General Funds (GF), noting OSA has not had any additional GF funding since 1987.

Director Sederburg stated on March 3rd, she'll present an OSA budget overview to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health at 10:30 AM and to the Senate side at 2:30 PM.

Director Sederburg provided an overview of all the legislative meetings she's recently had.

Director Sederburg provided an overview of the legislation set to be introduced on the CARE (Caregiver, Advise, Record, Enable) Act. She asked if the Commission would like to invite AARP to give a more detailed overview of this legislation, and they agreed.

Director Sederburg stated the Governor announced his new executive order that will take effect on April 10, 2015, to create the Department of Health and Human Services that brings the Department of Community Health (DCH) and the Department of Human Services together. Nick Lyon, the current DCH director, has been selected to be the director of this new department. The executive order will abolish OSA and create the Aging and Adult Services Agency and result in a more expansive role. Additional details will follow.

Director Sederburg provided an update on the ADRCs (Aging and Disability Resource Collaborations) and handout.

Director Sederburg provided a 2012 OSA Needs Assessment overview and handout.

Director Sederburg stated an RFP was put out for the elder abuse funding OSA received, for mini grants to address elder abuse and/or prevention at the local level.

Director Sederburg stated OSA's Annual Report is done and hard copies will soon be available.

Commissioner Mast invited Eric Berke to provide a presentation on the history of AAAs, how they got started and how OSA was formed.

Financial Update

Scott Wamsley provided a handout on OSA's FY 15 budget, and gave an overview of how funding originates, how it's made available to AAAs, and how it results in services.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 2)

Discuss CSA Meeting Time Adjustments

Commissioner Mast discussed starting CSA meetings at 9:00 AM going forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to begin meetings at 9:00 AM, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion

This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Request for Approval of Amendment to Services to Older Adult Refugee Grant

Tari Muniz, OSA staff, pointed out an error on the memo under the Total Award amount from \$141,113 to \$143,113.

Ms. Muniz requested approval to amend a grant previously approved by the CSA, pending an extension of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS). OSA will partner with DHS to award additional funds received from the Federal Office of Refugee Services, to AAA Regions 1-B & 8, who will provide aging services to older adult refugees by working with local refugee service providers to increase knowledge

and access to services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega to approve the amendment to Services to Older Adult Refugee grant, as presented. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval to Distribute Title VII Funds

Sarah Slocum, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, requested approval for OSA to distribute Title VII funds to Legal Services of South Central Michigan to assure the Ombudsman program has adequate legal counsel, as required in the Older Americans Act, and for technical support and assistance that the program receives statewide. Ms. Slocum also requested approval for the OSA Director to have the authority to adjust the grant by five percent of the grant award amount, based on project fund availability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega to distribute Title VII funds, as presented. Commissioner Schade seconded the motion.

This motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Amendment to Aging and Disability Resource Collaboration (ADRC) Part B Sustainability Grant to Starling Center for Organizational Development

Wendi Middleton, Director of the Program and Partnership Development Division, requested amending a grant award previously approved for the Starling Center for Organizational Development, for additional funds for the development of online e-learning training programs for ADRC options counselors. These additional funds will provide support and the hosting fee for the online training for folks in the field.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora to approve the amendment to the ADRC Part B Sustainability Grant to Starling Center for Organizational Development, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

Commissioner Irby requested a report of whom and how many completed the training, and Ms. Middleton agreed.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Amendment to Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Project (ADSSP) Grant

Sally Steiner, OSA staff, requested amending a grant award previously approved for the ADSSP project, for additional work on the Spanish translation of the Creating Confident Caregiver manual.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega to approve the amendment of the ADSSP grant, as presented. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion.

Additional discussion followed and this motion was approved with a 12-0-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Corrections to Previously Approved CSA Memos

Dawne Velianoff, Elder Abuse & Prevention Unit Manager, stated there are corrections to two Medicare Improvement Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) memos approved at the last meeting. The first was the MIPPA ADRC No-Cost Extension of the carryover dollars from the previous year, and an estimated amount was presented because OSA had not yet done the final draw, and the grant amount ended up being less.

The second was for the FY 2016 MIPPA SHIP and MIPPA AAA grant, and the \$30,000 funds that was explained as staying at OSA, ended up going the SHIPs & AAAs.

Review Long-Term Care Supports & Services (LTCSS) Advisory Commission Recommendations

Reg Carter, LTCSS Chair, provided an overview of the LTCSS Advisory Commission and their final recommendations.

Long-Term Care LEAN Process Improvement

Leslie Shanlian, OSA Deputy Director, and Dennis Sargent, LEAN Contractor, provided a handout and overview of the LEAN Process Improvement project intended to achieve better efficiencies and value to the consumer. This will be accomplished through a collaboration of the directors of Medicaid in Community Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, to commit to implementing the LTCSS Advisory Commission's recommendation numbers 3, 6, 9, 11, 12 and 13. The LEAN's coordinating council will recommend these in September, to improve any long term care process that will be value stream mapped through the LEAN process.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 3)

Discuss State Advisory Council on Aging 2015 Report Charge

Commissioner Michael Sheehan, John Murphy, SAC Vice Chairman, and Lauren Swanson reviewed past SAC report charges. Suggested recommendations that reflect positive aging were education, volunteerism, media, direct care worker's training and/or licensing, and Veterans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo for approval of the SAC charge, to report on training/licensing/ and/or certification, accountability and living wages of direct care workers, as presented. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sheehan stated they will work with Commissioner Ilardo to coordinate with what MSU is doing and what still needs to be done, and seek input from Commissioners on related ideas to narrow it down and conclude a final charge prior to the next SAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015.

Director Sederburg stated OSA is looking to create a packet on how to plan for long term care, and if SAC members are interested, a subgroup can be created to work on that with OSA.

Additional discussion followed and the motion was unanimously approved with a voice vote.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program Funding Opportunity

Joan Ilardo, CSA Commissioner and co-director of the federally funded Geriatric Education Center of Michigan, which is funded by HRSA, stated effective June 30, 2015, there will be no more geriatric education centers as we now know them. Rather, there will be Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEP). HRSA is currently funded to train licensed health professionals; GWEP will take advanced training for fellowships for Geriatricians all the way down to the patient, consumer, and direct care worker, and put them under one agency, which will be called the Michigan Aging Education Collaborative (MAEC). MAEC will build on existing investments and community-based interdisciplinary teams, expertise in geriatrics, gerontology, curricular development, educational modalities, social media and networking, and well established relationships at MSU and among construction partners, to develop a statewide framework for training. OSA, along with several other partners, will collaborate to make this a reality. The award is for \$850,000 per year, and the proposal is due March 5th. Once things are finalized, more information will be provided.

Building Training...Building Quality (BTBQ) Executive Summary Update

Lauren Swanson, OSA staff, provided a handout and overview of the BTBQ program.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Irby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 1:29 PM.